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FULTON, CALLAWAY COUNTY, MISSOURI
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Championship Football Team

The ninth and final victory by our football team on Thanksgiving Day gives Westminster the only team in the Missouri Conference that won every game during the season. Our goal line was crossed but twice and the season's total scoring for Westminster was 160; against Westminster, 16. Central College played us a hard game on Thanksgiving and held our boys down to a score of 13 but they were unable to score against us.

The Kansas City Star, on the mythical all-state teams, gave Westminster three men on the first team, with the captain of our team "Jack" Frost as the captain of this team. It gave us four men on the second team and one man on the third team.

Quoting from the Star:

"On the three teams Westminster leads with eight places and Wesleyan is a close second with seven. The elevens were chosen as a result of the opinions, written and oral, of coaches, officials and competent critics. In selecting these teams only players of the square-shooting, hard-working, clean-cut type have been given serious consideration. The mucker — and they are growing scarcer every season — has no place on the honor teams

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of football. The player who scorns his coach, who talks to his opponents, who baits the officials, who doesn't give his best at all times to his team and his school, has no consideration in these selections.

"John Erskine Frost, Westminster, captains the first all-state team. Frost captained the championship Blue Jays of Fulton. That he was a fine leader is indicated that he was serving as captain for the second straight year. Frost is a Westminster senior from Plattsburg, Mo., weighing 190, standing 5 feet 8. Last year he played fullback and quarter, but this year found his proper position at tackle. He is fast, shifty and can kick. Also an excellent blocker and possessor of that intangible quality known as 'football sense.'

"Playing the other tackle position is Joe Haw, Frost's running mate on the Westminster eleven. Haw is a sophomore from Benton, Mo., weighing 185 pounds and standing an even 6 feet. Haw is a player of the ripping, slashing, hard fighting type, just the ideal tackle. 'Into every play up to his ears every second of the sixty minutes,' was the descriptive line penned of him by one critic familiar with his play.

"Westminster played a slashing,

driving offensive off tackles all year and Frost and Haw were potent factors in Westminster's steady drive to the championship goal.

"Max Farrington, 135-pound French 75er, Westminster pilot for the quarterback position. Of him 'Jim' Pixlee, his coach, said, 'The best football head I have drawn in years.' But that isn't all. With keen football sense and field generalship Farrington combines the ability to lend a personal hand in the offensive play. Farrington has speed and is an excellent broken field runner, a good passer, can kick in a pinch and a sterling defensive man. Through Jewell he returned a punt 70 yards to a touch-down and against Valley he lugged a punted ball 60 yards to the 10-yard line. A start and he's in full flight and hard to head. Farrington is a sophomore and lives in Aurora, Mo."

A Nice Compliment

"The friends of Westminster are greatly pleased that the football team has won the championship of the state. The boys have proved themselves good athletes and have been honorable and clean in their contests. Their behavior, both upon the field and in all their relations with other teams, has been such as to win the approbation of those who believe that the representatives of a church school should be different. Coach Pixlee and the boys are to be congratulated upon the fine reputation they have just earned." — Fulton Presbyterian Church Bulletin.

Dinner for the Victors

A delightful showing of public spirit was that of Mr. Estil Pearre, proprietor of Pearre's Cafe, in putting up a gorgeous turkey dinner in honor of the championship football team and the debating team that defeated Oxford University in Kansas City on October 17. A number of the college faculty and Fulton business

men were included in the invitation. About fifty plates were laid. It was a happy occasion, made the more joyous by a number of excellent talks by various ones called on by Professor Franc L. McCluer, who presided as toastmaster. There has been a fine spirit of cooperation among the alumni in general and the business men of Fulton—a general college and community team work that has done much to secure success for both our debaters and our athletes.

On December 18 the business men of Fulton will give the football team a supper at which sweaters will be awarded to the letter men and jerseys to the remainder of the squad. The team will also receive gold football fobs as a present from the business men of Fulton in token of their championship.

Each year at commencement gold medals are awarded to those who have won in three out of four intercollegiate debates. The college has given a goodly number of these gold medals in the last twelve years to the men who have won 45 intercollegiate debates out of 57 held.

Scholarship of Our Team

It is gratifying to report that not a single member of our team was down in his studies at any time during the season. Moreover, the general average of the team in scholarship ranked well up to or above the general average of the student body. The team kept training well and played sportsmanlike games, both in the team work done within the team and in their bearing and attitude towards their opponents. In fact, our records show that there was less delinquency in the entire squad than the average for the entire student body.

Will Debate California University

The State University of Southern California has challenged Westminster College for a debate and the

challenge has been accepted. The team representing the California institution will make a debating tour through the East in April, when the debate with Westminster will be held, probably in Fulton. The question for debate will be "Resolved, that Congress should have the power by a two-thirds vote to override the decision of the Supreme Court." It has not been decided which side our team will be required to sustain. We are not always privileged to take our choice in these intercollegiate debates. We have sometimes supported one side with one institution and the other side with another. This question will be debated by our teams with a number of institutions, and our teams will probably not be able to have their choice of side all the way through the season. These debates are intended to show the ability of the teams in debating and not necessarily the sentiments of the teams.

Vanderbilt University, at Nashville, Tenn., also may be on the debating schedule of Westminster during the coming season, but definite arrangements have not yet been made with that school. If the debate is held it will be in St. Louis. Vanderbilt is considered to have one of the strongest debating teams in the South.

An eastern tour is being planned for the Westminster debaters, and if the trip is taken the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia will be one of the schools included in the itinerary of the Blue Jays as that University has offered to meet them.

Other tentative debates on the Westminster schedule are with the University of Denver, and the annual triangular contest with Central and Culver-Stockton Colleges.

Try-outs for the debating teams are to be held at Westminster the first week after the Christmas holidays. The squad this year consists of 30 or 35 men—the largest in the history of the school. Beside several old men who

have been on the team for the last few years, some excellent material is to be found among the aspirants for forensic honors for the first time. A brilliant beginning for the debating year was made in October when Westminster defeated Oxford University, of England, in Kansas City. The victors in that contest were Kenneth Lineberry, Raymond Kroggel and Albert J. Kissling, who are expected to achieve other notable victories during the spring season.

Dean Sweazey Elected President of Athletic Union.

Dean George B. Sweazey was elected president of the Missouri College Athletic Union again for the third year at their annual meeting in Kansas City on November 29. This conference has full charge of the intercollegiate athletics participated in by the colleges belonging to the Missouri College Union. Dr. Sweazey was a football man when in college and has served as the chairman of the faculty athletic committee in Westminster during his entire tenure as a professor on our faculty. He reports the meeting of the association as having been one of the most harmonious and delightful he has ever attended.

The College Union Favors Latin

Dr. George B. Sweazey lead a discussion in the recent annual meeting of the Missouri College Union on the value of the study of Latin. He not only urged the importance of the study, but showed by statistics recently gathered from the schools of the entire country that the study of Latin is on the increase after the decline to low watermark during the World War. He offered the four following recommendations which were unanimously approved by the Union:

1. That beginning Latin be put up on the same basis as first year work in any other foreign language in the college curriculum.



2. That the teaching of the classics be "humanized" as opposed to the old rote method.

3. That in our teacher training classes, and wherever else there is found an opportunity, we stress the desirability of Latin as a subject preparatory for college work.

4. That we emphasize, whenever possible, the value of the study of the classics.

Dr. T. Berry Smith turned back through the minutes of the Union and read several favorable actions taken at various times endeavoring to stimulate the study of this language that so largely underlies our own language and is of such value in the study and use of our mother tongue. Statements were made by various members of the Union that there is arising a call for more well-qualified teachers of Latin than can be met from the present supply so that more who anticipate teaching should be induced to qualify for this line of instruction.

(The following is from the World's Work of September, 1924.)

New Friends for the Classics

The assertion by Dean Andrew F. West, of Princeton University, that a careful survey had revealed an increasing popularity of the study of Latin and Greek in the high schools was so widely applauded in the press and by men of education everywhere that the only conclusion to be drawn is that a study of the classic languages is highly beneficial. The testimony for the classics comes largely from men who know from experience the benefits of the study, no matter how much they may have rebelled at it during their school and college days. Most of those who commented on the results of the survey, which was financed by the General Education

Board, spoke not only of the cultural value of the study, but also of the benefits in developing the mind—and it was conclusively shown in the careful survey that the Latin and Greek scholars also led their classes in sciences and all the other subjects.

This new and unexpected popularity of the classic languages is a welcome change from that new and tenacious modern view that only the "practical" courses should be taught, in other words, only the materialistic. The survey and the testimony in its support have revealed that the study of the classic languages in the long run is the most "practical," because it gives young minds a better foundation for the education and work of later life. Study of the classics, therefore, has its materialistic or practical value, as well as its undoubted cultural advantages. Chief Justice Taft points out a very widely held opinion when he says that "many of those in authority are beginning to see that a less ambitious course of study, including Latin and mathematics thoroughly taught, makes a much better basis for the education of life, even though it is not continued through a college training, than the superficial smattering of many subjects that is now given to high school students."

Study of the classics tends to perfect the use of English, not only because of the practice of translating from one language to the other, but also because many of the English words are derived from Latin or Greek. But, of course, that is almost too obvious to mention. That is proved now conclusively, however, by the long and painstaking study made by Dean West and his associates, who will soon issue a detailed report of their investigations. (Now off the press.)